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To: Moore, Gary
Cc: Susan Clewis
Subject: Re: NRC Report - Strange One

Gary

I contacted the reporting party ((b) (6)) at approx 415 pm today. She indicated that while traveling in the area she observed a black cloud but could not indicate a specific source. She notified the NRC regarding the incident. She observed the cloud when leaving Port Lavaca earlier in the day. At the time of my call she was returning to the area and was unable to confirm the current conditions and indicated she would call me back in approx 10 minutes (when she was in the area). She called back and indicated that the cloud was no longer visible and stated she had spoke to an owner of a local business in Port Lavaca. According to ((b) (6)), the business owner stated that the Formosa Plastics facility continuously smokes and it was probably them however was unable to confirm the site.

In an effort to identify the source, I contacted the USCG Port OConnor, the GLO office in Port Lavaca, and Formosa Plastics. USCG and GLO confirmed that no black clouds of smoke were evident at the time of the call nor reported during the day to their offices. In addition, no reports were received by the TCEQ office. I also spoke to staff at Formosa which indicated no unusual events had occurred today. Formosa staff did indicate that there was a fire between Port Alto and Olivia at approx 1:00 pm.

We will continue to monitor for any upset reports as a facility would have 24 hours to report.

At the conclusion of the conversation with ((b) (6)), she stated that she was in the area several weeks ago and observed lots of smoke from Formosa. She further stated that she was going to report any smoke from the facility anytime she was in the area. During the previous event, our office received numerous notifications. That event is currently under investigation. Due to the number of concerned citizens in the area, I would have expected to receive additional notifications had the source of today's alleged smoke been Formosa.

Please call me if you need any additional information.

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 Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 16, 2014, at 8:28 PM, Moore, Gary <Moore.Gary@epa.gov> wrote:

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